

Maine Summit of Sub-State Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Summary

Who is the lead agency for Pan Flu planning in Maine?

- MCDC would assume leadership role with MEMA as coordinator using ERT members/agencies as partners.
- MEMA has Statutory Authority/Role (ID needed resources and call for such)

What Key Issues need to be addressed?

Definition of Leadership by MCDC

- MCDC should define leader / group for regional planning
- Establish a local planning structure to include definition of strategies and the development of a procedural algorithm
- Clarify state and local roles
- Define jurisdictional / functional roles
- Define expectations / timeline

Command and Control

- MCDC should assume leadership of Pandemic Influenza planning and response with MEMA as partner
- Lack of unified command at local, county and regional levels
- Local and Regional plans must be coordinated and tie to State plans
- Clarify State and local roles
- Define roles/responsibilities at all levels including jurisdictions
- Resource tracking

Communications

- Develop communication plan
- Determine what the public needs to know and be told
- Determine communications methods
- Utilize RRC as patient flow resource
- Define and establish emergency facilities including healthcare
- Define quarantine policies and protocol
- Message should be consistent and coordinated

What action steps should take place within the next two months?

Need Governor Executive Order - To charge state agencies to plan, including issues related to continuity of operations (Action Item)

Contact Senator Collins office for the purpose of including Pan Flu planning in Federal Planning (vaccine, antiviral supplies, business continuity of operations, food/water, surge, federal resources for response as well as to maintain our current infrastructure (proposed cuts to funding) (Action Item)

Establish Local Leadership structure utilizing Regional Epi Structure (Action Item)

MCDC Define Planning/Response Components and provide guidelines (Action Item)